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In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed herewith and Applicants request that the Examiner

consider the cited references and make an independent evaluation of their materiality.

It is submitted that none of the cited references of record or now cited, either alone or in combination, disclose or render obvious that subject matter claimed in the present application.

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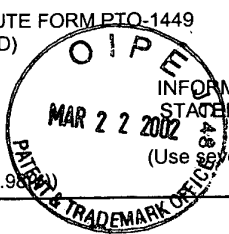
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	A.C	4	2	0	8	1	5	9	6/17/80	Uehara et al.	414	225	
	A.D	4	2	5	2	5	9	5	2/24/81	Yamamoto et al.	156	345	
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	A.F	4	3	1	8	7	6	7	3/9/82	Hijikata et al.	156	345	
	A.G	4	3	3	6	4	3	8	6/22/82	Uehara et al.	219	121PG	9/16/80
	A.H	4	4	0	5	4	3	5	9/20/83	Tateishi et al.	204	298	
	A.I	4	4	1	8	6	3	9	12/6/83	Wills et al.	118	50	5/19/81
	A.J	4	5	5	0	2	3	9	10/29/85	Uehara et al.	219	121PG	9/27/82
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	B.D	4 7 0 5 4 4 4	11/1987	Tullis et al.	118	729X	
	B.E	4 7 7 0 1 2 1	9/13/88	Ebata et al.	118	686	2/3/87
	B.F	4 8 1 6 1 1 6	3/1989	Davis	156	643	
	B.G	4 8 1 6 6 3 8	3/28/89	Ukai et al.	219	121.43	10/20/87
	B.H	4 8 4 0 7 0 2	6/20/89	Schumacher, III	156	643	12/29/87
	B.I	4 8 8 9 6 0 9	12/26/89	Canella	204	298	
	B.J	5 0 3 0 0 5 6	7/9/91	Kitayama et al.	414	749	7/23/90
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B.R	March Instruments, Inc., <u>TAC Technology Advancement Center</u> , Brochure, 2/1995
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B.T	Von Dr.-Ing M. Nowotnick, <u>Fraunhofer-Einrichtung fur Zuverlassigkeit und Mikrointegration (IZM), Berlin, Plasmabehandlung als umweltfreundliche Alternative in der Leiterplattenfertigung</u> , Galvanotechnik D-88348 Saulgau 86 (1995) Nr. 4; Journal Article, 6 pages

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	D.E	5	4	8	0	0	5	2	1/2/96	Furr et al.	216	71	10/22/93
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	D.I	5	5	7	3	5	9	7	11/12/96	Lantsman	118	723MP	
	D.J	5	5	7	6	6	2	9	11/19/96	Turner et al.	324	709	10/24/94
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	E.C	5	6	4	7	9	4	2	7/1997	Haji	156	281	
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	E.E	5	7	6	7	0	0	8	6/1998	Haji	438	612	
	E.F	5	7	7	9	8	0	7	7/1998	Dornfest et al.	134	1.2	
	E.G	5	9	5	8	5	1	0	9/1991	Sivaramakrishnam et al.	427	255.6	
	E.H	5	9	7	2	1	6	3	10/26/99	Haji	156	345	2/6/98
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